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To the Memory of Marshall Truehill

When members of the City Planning Commission, its staff, and the consultant team first asked one another if New Orleans' *Plan for the 21st Century* should include a dedication, the answer was immediate and unanimous: The plan should be dedicated to the memory and life of the Reverend Marshall Truehill, Jr.

Marshall, who grew up in New Orleans' Calliope public housing development, inspired New Orleanians from every neighborhood and livelihood to understand each other better and to work together for a better city. A lifelong advocate for public housing residents, pastor of an interracial congregation, chair of the City Planning Commission, and founding member of City-Works, an organization that fosters civic engagement, Marshall moved all of us who worked on this plan to pursue an equal commitment to "every person and every place" in New Orleans. He was deeply committed to inclusive planning, and planning team members were honored to be present when Marshall received his Ph.D. in planning from the University of

New Orleans in December, 2008. His life, which came to an untimely end on Christmas Day that same month, will inspire generations of New Orleanians to cross lines of diversity and collaborate to build a better community for all.